

Glenda Wiles

From: Sharon/Dan Ritter [s287ritter@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2008 7:42 AM
To: Glenda Wiles
Subject: Higher Ground Fdn ad in Ravalli Republic

Dear County Commissioners,

I noticed the 1-page ad in the Sept. 18 Ravalli Republic placed by the Higher Ground Foundation, Inc. The ad published a series of emails and asked us to read them and judge for ourselves. They "helpfully" highlighted some of the statements in red. However, I read all the way through each email and disagree that there should be any concern about lack of inclusion of the public. The way I understand these emails, the subcommittees, not the whole committee, want to be able to meet and get their work done without disruption. There's no indication they're trying to be secretive and so don't want their deliberations heard. They just want to be able to work. This is a group of volunteers trying to complete a task you've given them the authority to work on. The public will have plenty of opportunities to comment on the drafts that the streamside setback committee comes up with.

I wanted you to hear from someone who doesn't agree with what the foundation is trying to suggest. Of course, you might not get many emails because there's a typo in the email address.

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